



Post changes local, short-distance moves policy

STAFF REPORT

Effective June 1, Fort Riley will no longer fund the cost of short-distance, local moves of household goods from off-post to on-post housing, and vice versa.

According to the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Chapter 5, government-paid short-distance local moves of household goods incident to moving to/from government or privatized housing made to accommodate a member's personal situation, convenience or morale is prohibited.

"We are in a new fiscal reality," said Garrison Commander Col. William Clark. "Some functions performed today can no longer be performed tomorrow."

Military Families are eligible for one government-paid move when (permanent change of station) to the Fort Riley area, however, unless it is a direct move from the previous duty station, moves from off post into on-post housing will not be funded, according to Mick McCallister, housing manager, Fort Riley. This policy also applies if on-post housing is not available at the time of reporting to Fort Riley and for deployed service members.

The ultimate goal of the housing office is to help Soldiers and Families "find the best place that meets their needs in the (Central) Flint Hills Region, whether on post or in the community," according to McCallister.

Exceptions can and will be granted on a case-by-case basis, McCallister said, and requests must be sent to the battalion commander and coordinated through appropriate channels to the garrison commander.

"The command will take under advisement circumstances that are highly unique and warranted in the best interest of the government," McCallister said.

Although Fort Riley's resources have changed, the post continues its commitment to Soldiers and their Families, Clark said.

"As we adapt and innovate, how we manage our resources will change, but we will continue to take care of our most precious assets – our people," he said.

Other Army installations, including Fort Drum, N.Y., Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Stewart, Ga., have already implemented policies similar to the new Fort Riley policy.

For more information about this policy, contact the Residential Communities Initiative Office at 785-239-0650. For waitlist questions or concerns, contact the Picerne Military Housing Leasing and Relocation Office or visit www.RileyPicerne.com.